

AGENDA



Thursday, July 26, 2007

**Communications and Technology Management
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 13**

Subject: Authorize the negotiation and execution of an Interlocal Agreement between the City and Williamson County to provide City management services for the project to upgrade the Williamson County radio system infrastructure to a new digital radio communication zone on the Austin/Travis County Regional Radio System in the amount payable to the City of \$135,000 for Fiscal Year 2006-2007. In subsequent years, City charges will be based on the number of Williamson County subscriber radio units and the City overhead costs for its services. **Amount and Source of Funding:** Revenue from Williamson County in the amount of \$135,000 is anticipated in Fiscal Year 2006-2007. Revenue in subsequent years will be based on City costs and overhead rate.

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Prior Council Action: On November 17, 2005, City Council approved acceptance of a U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Police Services (COPS) grant in the amount of \$6,000,000, subject to a \$2,000,000 local grant match requirement for the upgrade of the Austin/Travis County Regional Radio System (RRS) operating software and purchase of radio system infrastructure for Williamson County. On November 17, 2005, City Council authorized the negotiation and execution of an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Austin and Williamson County for the implementation of a Williamson County radio system upgrade project and to require a \$1,850,000 grant match from Williamson County. (The City provided a \$150,000 grant match.)

This project is funded with the \$6,000,000 U.S. Department of Justice COPS Grant, subject to a local grant match of \$2,000,000. In April, 2006, the City of Austin and Williamson County entered into an Interlocal Agreement to implement the project to upgrade the Williamson County radio system infrastructure to a new digital radio communication zone on the Austin/Travis County Regional Radio System (RRS) and to require a \$1,850,000 local grant match from Williamson County. The City provided a local match of \$150,000.

In Fiscal Year 2007, the City of Austin's RRS staff is performing management, administrative and project oversight services for this Williamson County project. The new communication zone that is created by this project will allow for interoperable voice radio communications between Travis and Williamson Counties. It is anticipated that the City services will continue after the Williamson County RRS project is completed.

Williamson County will be required to pay the City annually for these management services. For FY 2007, Williamson County will be required to pay \$135,000 to the City. In subsequent years, City charges will be based on the number of subscriber radio units that Williamson County intends to operate and the City overhead costs for its services.